

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

a1 1. (Currently Amended) A combination of a patch and a tool for accessing hollow members comprising a patch and a tool assembly, said tool assembly further comprising a cylindrical hole saw having [an annular] a cutting surface and at least one rebate blade, said rebate blade positioned adjacent to the exterior sidewall of said hole saw and said rebate blade having a cutting surface in a plane approximately parallel with the cutting surface of said hole saw and said rebate blade located a predetermined distance below said cutting surface of said cylindrical hole saw, said rebate blade further comprising a cutting surface and a base member wherein said base member is attached to said assembly at angular positions with respect to said hole saw and further comprising a flange member, said flange member located on said hole saw on an end opposite said cutting surface and opposite the cutting surface of said rebate blades and said flange member extending a distance in a perpendicular direction from a central axis that is further than a distance said rebate blades extend from said central axis, wherein when said flange member engages a surface of a hollow member, further axial movement into said member is prevented and said rebate blades create an annular ledge in the surface of said member,

and a circular-shaped patch, said patch having a thickness less than the distance from the cutting surface of said rebate blade to said flange member and a radius a distance less than the distance from a central axis of said hole saw and the outermost part of said rebate cutting surface,

wherein said circular patch can seat on said annular ledge.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination recited in [claim 2] claim 1 wherein said rebate blade is attached to said flange member.

4. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 3 wherein said flange member receives a plurality of rebate blades.

ai 5. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 4 wherein said rebate blades are [positioned] located at angular [positioned] positions around said flange member.

6. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 1 further comprising a pilot drill bit, wherein said drill bit is received in a sleeve in the center of said cylindrical hole saw.

7. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination recited in claim 1 further comprising a shank, said shank adapted for reception in the head or chuck of a drill.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an access hole though a [substrate] hollow member and then patching said access hole comprising, engaging the surface of said [substrate] hollow member with a cylindrical hole saw, boring through said substrate with said hole saw to create a circular opening, [allowing rebate blade to comprising]; creating an annular recess around said circular opening, said annular recess having seating surface paralell with said surface of said substrate, and seating a circular patch in said annular recess .

9. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing an interior space behind a substrate using the combination of the patch and tool assembly recited in claim 1

comprising the steps of [using the assembly recited in claim 1 to form] forming an access opening in a surface of a substrate, said access opening having an annular through passage and an annular cavity around the exterior of said passage, accessing said interior space, and next inserting [in a] said patch in said [hole] through passage, said patch received and seated in said annular cavity.

Q1 10. (Currently Amended) A access and repair kit comprising the [device] tool assembly recited in claim 1 and a plurality of patches, said patches having a radial dimension approximately the same as the distance from the center of the cylindrical hole saw to the cutting surface of said rebate blade that is the most distant from said hole saw center, and said patches having a uniform axial dimension approximately equal to the distance that said rebate blade extends in an axial dimension from said flange member.

11. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 1 azwherein said rebate blades are detachable and replaceable from [the] said hole saw component of the assembly.

12. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 1 wherein said cylindrical hole saw is detachable and replaceable from said rebate blade component of the tool.

13. (Currently Amended) The tool [assembly] and patch combination as recited in claim 4 wherein said pilot drill bit is detachable and replaceable from the rebate blade component of the tool.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Newly added) A tool assembly comprising a cylindrical hole saw having an annular cutting surface and at least one rebate blade, said rebate blade positioned adjacent

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to the exterior sidewall of said hole saw and said rebate blade having a cutting surface in a plane approximately parallel with the cutting surface of said hole saw and said rebate blade located a predetermined distance below said cutting surface of said cylindrical hole saw, said rebate blade further comprising an "L shaped" member, said "L shape" further comprising a cutting section having a cutting surface thereon and a base member section wherein said base member is attached to said tool assembly at angular positions with respect to said hole saw and further comprising a flange member, said flange member located on said hole saw on an end opposite said cutting surface and said flange member having a diameter larger than the diameter of said rebate blades, wherein when said flange member engages the surface, further axial movement into the cutting surface is prevented.

16. (Newly Added) The tool recited in claim 15 wherein the inner annular hole saw has an axial dimension from the flange member to the cutting surface approximately equal to the thickness of the material to be cut.

17. (Newly Added) The tool recited in claim 15 wherein said flange member does not rotate with the cutting members.
